

ARGUMENT AND REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 43, 49, 57, and 66 have been amended.

Claims 2-35, and 47 have been canceled.

Thus, claims 1, 36-46, and 48-67 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 36-42, 48, 64, and 66, drawn to a process for preparing perindopril, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. Applicants have amended the remaining claims of Groups II-IV to depend from elected Group I.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully look forward to the Examiner's substantive action on the pending claims. If the Examiner believes it would assist in expediting the application, Applicants welcome a telephone conference with the Examiner to improve understanding of and resolve any questions or issues of the Examiner.

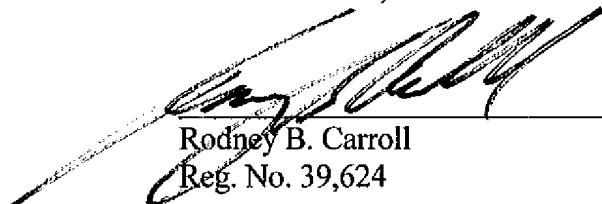
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